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Memorandum

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Navasandesha,
(Kannada weekly),
Bellary.
Dated 24-1-1951.

In the course of an article under the caption: 'Any political manoeuvring in this?', the Navasandesha observes:-

Extension of ~~the date~~ time for the rectification of mistakes in the Electoral Rolls - Criticised.

The last date fixed by the Government of Madras for the rectification of ~~the~~ mistakes etc. in the electoral rolls for the Madras State was 16th of January 1951. Now, by another notification, the Government have extended this date to 1st March 1951 in respect of the electoral rolls of the Rayadurg, Alur and Adavani (Adoni) Taluks, but have not given any reasons for such extension. As the Minister in charge of Elections belongs to one of the above-mentioned Taluks, the people of this district ~~wonder~~ wonder why no reason has been given for granting an extension of time only in the case of those taluks. They say, "Caesar's wife should ~~be~~ be above suspicion". It is therefore imperative that the Government of Madras should forthwith issue a statement stating the reasons for the extension of the date. Otherwise this extension is likely to be construed as a political manoeuvring.

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C. No. 37/51-1, dated 30-1-1951.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras, Public (Elections) Department, Fort St. George, Madras, through the Senior Translator to Government.

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Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Public (Elections) Department, Madras.

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Senior Translator to Government.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras-9.

Public(Elections)Department.

Please see the Endorsement from the Senior Translator to Government on page 1 ante forwarding a gist of the article 'Any political menoeuvering in this?' in the Bellary Kannada weekly, "Navasandesha". The period for the filing of claims and objections to the electoral rolls of Adoni, Alur and Rayadrug taluks of Bellary district has been extended till 1-3-51 as itx is proposed to print and publish these rolls in Kannada also and as such publication will go to a date well beyond 1-3-51. So also in the case of the rolls of Ichapur and Sompeta taluks of Srikakulam district, the period has been extended to 1-3-1951 as the Government are considering the question of printing these rolls in Oriya also. The purpose of these extensions may perhaps be explained in a Press Release. A draft is submitted for approval. P.W.(I & P) may be requested to issue the Press Release.

file submd. separately.

The matter is still under consideration. No need to refer to him here.

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The draft Press Release does not give the reasons for the printing of the rolls of Adoni, Alur and Rayadrug taluks in Kannada or the reasons for the contemplated printing in Oriya. There may be similar cases in other parts of this State, and if the reasons are made public (without these the draft is not complete) it may lead to a stream of applications for similar publication in those other parts. No other newspaper has commented adversely on this extension of time granted, and there has been no protest against it either from any associations or individuals. The standing and status of this Kannada weekly is not known; perhaps its circulation is limited to the Bellary district. In the circumstances, if so for orders

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whether the article on page 1 ante may be ignored.

X at p. 1 ante. H.M (Fin) does not belong to any of these bodies, while H.M. (L.R) is not in charge of elections!
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This is a mischievous & irresponsible article. I think it is desirable to issue a Press Release just stating the facts, without referring to this article. The draft below, as revised 4.2.51. by me, may be approved.

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L.G. & P. may be requested to issue a Press Release below very urgently

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P.W (H.C.)

The press release has been issued. The case may be returned to Public (Elections)

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Please see the note of P.W. (I. & P.) on p.4 ante. The 'Press Release' has issued. It has also been informally ascertained from the P.W. (I. & P.) that a copy of the press release has been sent to the 'Navasandesha', a Kannada weekly of Bellary which published the article -- translation on p.1 ante. No further action is called for in this file. The papers may be lodged.

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PRESS RELEASE No. 79 dt 9-2-51

The Election Commission, India, ~~The Government have ordered~~ has directed / ~~It has been decided~~ that the electoral rolls of ~~the~~ Adoni, Alur and Rayadrug taluks ~~including Yemmiganur sub-taluk in Bellary District,~~ which have now been prepared in Telugu, should be ~~printed~~ prepared in Kannada also. ~~Similarly, the Government are considering the question of printing in Oriya also the electoral rolls of Ichapur and Competa taluks which are now in Telugu.~~ As the preliminary electoral rolls for these areas in Telugu have already been published and as the electoral rolls in ~~the other language in question~~ Kannada will have also to be published as the preliminary electoral rolls and claims and objections entertained for the period prescribed in the rules after such publication, it ~~is~~ has become necessary to extend till that time the period for the filing of claims and objections to the electoral rolls for these areas already published. ~~Therefore, on the Government's recommendation,~~ The Election Commission, India, has accordingly extended tentatively upto the 1st March 1951 the period for the filing of claims and objections in respect of these areas. It is clear that the publication of these rolls in ~~the other language~~ Kannada will go to a date well beyond 1st March 1951. The Government are ~~considering the arrangements to be made~~ arranging for the printing of these rolls in ~~the other language~~ Kannada and as soon as it is known when ~~the printed electoral rolls in the other language will~~ these Kannada rolls will be ~~available~~ ready for publication, ~~a further final extension of~~ the period to be allowed for the filing of claims and objections in ~~respect of~~ these areas will be ~~notified.~~ settled finally and notified

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public Works (Information & Publicity) Department.

PRESS RELEASE No.79, dated the 9th February, 1951.

The Election Commissioner, India, has directed that the electoral rolls of Adoni, Alur and Rayadrug taluks which have now been prepared in Telugu, should be prepared in Kannada also. As the preliminary electoral rolls for these areas in Telugu have already been published and as the electoral rolls in Kannada will have also to be published as the preliminary electoral rolls and claims and objections entertained for the period prescribed in the rulls after such publication, it has become necessary to extend till that time the period for the filing of claims and objections to the electoral rolls for these areas already published. The Election Commission, India, has accordingly extended tentatively, upto the 1st March, 1951, the period for the filing of claims and objections in respect of these areas. It is clear that the publication of these rolls in Kannada will go to a date well beyond 1st March, 1951. The Government are arranging for the printing of these rolls in Kannada, and as soon as it is known when these Kannada rolls will be ready for publication, the period to be allowed for the filing of claims and objections in these areas will be settled finally and notified.

(ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION & PUBLICITY)

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